

Foreword

America's Army is a complex and dynamic organization. As we celebrate the 226th birthday of the nation's oldest fighting force, we can look back over more than a decade of major change—and ahead to a Transformation that will keep the U.S. Army the premier land force of the 21st century. This Transformation will take the Army to its goal of an Objective Force that is more lethal, agile, survivable and sustainable.

Profile of the U.S. Army is published by the Association of the United States Army's Institute of Land Warfare to help you understand the Army as it is organized today and to appreciate how it will change in the future. *Profile* takes a "top-down" approach, first describing the Army's mission and role as a key element in the national security structure. From that flow the "why" and "how" of the Army's organization and functions.

Profile is an easy-to-read, user-friendly reference source for basic information on the Army, and provides assistance to readers who seek more details. It contains general information on the Army's three components (active, Army National Guard and Army Reserve); budget and strength figures; soldier and family programs; and other aspects of Army life.

Appendices are included to provide specialized details, including a glossary of selected military terms. For the first time, website and e-mail addresses are listed. Every effort was made to provide accurate and up-to-date Internet information.

Profile of the U.S. Army is **your** guide. The Institute of Land Warfare welcomes your comments and suggestions on how to make future editions as useful to you as possible.

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